Thursday after November 21
THANKSGIVING DAY
(Within the Postfeste period of the Entrance)

Hymn

melody: Pod tvoj pokrov/We Hasten to Your Patronage
text: Matthias Claudius, 1782; tr. J. M. Campbell, 1861

1. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
2. He on-ly is the Mak-er of all things near and far;
3. We thank You then, O Fa-ther, for all things bright and good,

But it is fed and wa-tered by God’s al-might-y hand;
He paints the way-side flow-er, He lights the ev’n-ing star.
The seed-time and the har-vest, our life, our health, our food:

He sends the snow in win-ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o bey Him, by Him, the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of-fer for all Your love im-parts,

The breez-es and the sun-shine, the soft, re-fresh-ing rain.
But that which You de-sire of us— our hum-bly, thank-ful hearts.

Refrain

For all good gifts a-round us are sent from heav’n a bove;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His grace and love.
Troparion of the Entrance - Tone 4

Today is the prelude of God's benevolence and the herald of our salvation; for the Virgin openly appears in the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also with full voice exclaim to her:

Rejoice, fulfillment of the Creator's plan.

Troparion of Thanksgiving - Tone 7

You made the earth, O God, and all it contains. You have given us a share in your life. All creation sings praise to you. As our forefathers gave thanks to you after coming to these shores, we, your unworthy servants, also give thanks on this day for all your benefits bestowed throughout the years.

but let faithful lips, singing without ceasing the words of the angel to the Theotokos, cry aloud in great joy: O pure Virgin, you are truly exalted over all.

Communion Hymns:

The First Hymn is (Psalm 68:31):

I shall praise God's name with song; I shall glorify him with thanks-giving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Second Hymn is (Psalm 66:7):

The earth has yielded its fruit, for God, our God, has blessed us.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Anamnesis Acclamation
We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, thank you, O Lord, and we pray to you, our God, and we pray to you, our God.

Instead of "It is truly proper..."
Magnification:
The angels were struck with a-maze-ment, be-hold-ing the en-ter-ance of the Most Pure; see-ing how the Vir-gin en-ter-ed in to the Ho-ly of Ho-lies.

Irmos:
Let no un-in-i-ti-at-ed hand touch the liv-ing Ark of God;

Cantor
Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

Kontakion of Thanksgiving - Tone 3
To-day, O faith-ful, sing to God your thank-giv-ing hymns; learn-ing Scrip-ture’s com-mand to give thanks with heart as well as lips, and to seal heart and lips with bless-ed deeds. Let A-mer-i-ca play her thankful part a-mong the na-tions, giv-ing praise to our sav-ing Lord, the ben-e-fac-tor of our souls.

Cantor
Kontakion of the Entrance - Tone 4:

The most pure Temple of the Savior, the most precious Bridal Chamber
and Virgin, the Treasury of the glory of God, is led
today into the house of the Lord, bringing grace in the Spirit of God.

God's angels praise her in song; she is the Heavenly Ark.

Prokeimenon of Thanksgiving - Tone 2 (Psalm 115:8,3):

A thanks-giving sacrifice I make; I shall call on the Lord's name,
I shall call on the Lord's name.

Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Immediately after the verse:

Prokeimenon of the Entrance - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior.

Alleluia of Thanksgiving - Tone 5 (Psalm 117:21,28):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: I shall thank you for you have answered and you are my Savior.
Verse: You are my God, I thank you; my God, I praise you.

After the second verse:

Alleluia of the Entrance - Tone 8 (Psalm 44:11,13):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.

Cherubic Hymn

based on "O, klio, klio"

Let us who mystic'ly represent the cherubim and sing the
thrice-holy hymn to the life-creating, life-creating Trinity
now set aside all earthly cares.

A-men. That we may receive the King of all, invisibly es-
corted by angelic hosts. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!